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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on September 3, 2015 at 9:48 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

William Green, Committee Chair  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair  
Diane Licht, Committee Member  
Peter Economou, Committee Member

##### **Absent:**

Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member  
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

##### **Also Present:**

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director  
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (portion of the meeting)  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

#### ***Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:***

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

*On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

*On a motion by made by Diane Licht, and seconded by William Green, the Committee voted to approve the July 16, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public were present:

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA

Mr. Clarke discussed the Mental Health Confidentiality Privilege, which would restrict the confidentiality privilege for mental health professionals.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,139 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,513 applications and 40 reinstatements pending.

\* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A. Assembly Bill 4497**

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4497, which prohibits courts and Professional Boards from denying professional licenses to child support obligors under certain circumstances.

*Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to remain neutral without comment on the bill. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Assembly Bill 4672**

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4672, which repeals law suspending certain licenses, registrations and certifications for failure to repay student loans.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**C. Federal Senate Bill 1830**

The Committee reviewed Federal Senate Bill 1830, which would allow mental health providers, including LPC's to bill under Medicare.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

No items to report.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

The FAQ's for the website are available as well as tips for completing your application at the [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc).

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) and American Counseling Association**

The Committee reviewed the June 8, 2015 letter regarding reciprocity submitted by Presidents Dr. Susan Hammonds-White and Dr. Robert L. Smith.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

Committee Chair Bill Green informed the Committee that the NJCA gave a formal evaluation on the presentation given by William Green, Dana Kaspereen and Diane Licht, and the 2015 NJCA Annual Conference and they were very happy. Committee will submit a proposal for the 2016 conference.

**XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

**XII. DISCIPLINE ORDERS**

**A. Radha Singh**

The Committee approved the withdrawal of a Consent Order which was filed in error. The Committee approved the filing of an Interim Consent Order of voluntary surrender pending the disposition of criminal charges.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **October 1, 2015**

**Meeting Dates for 2015**

October 1, 2015

November 5, 2015

December 3, 2015

**XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:**

**National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval**

Michael Barretti	Kathryn Clancy
Sandra Constable	Rocio Cruz-Olivera
Jeanne Farabaugh	Lindsey Mulry

**Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval**

Angela Acciardi	Sandy Aziz
Chelsea Bean	Ralph Brown
Zachary Chaikin	Ramiro Correias
Kelly Cox	Gina Del Pizzo
Bassy Drew	Megan Forsyth
Gitte Gorelick	Kayla Haloupek
Kasey Halpin	Katelyn Hobler
Alexandra Ioakeimidou	Mathew Krauze
Ashley Lurker	Denise Lidovitch
Margaret Levicoff	Lillia Lopez

Kimberly McDonald  
Margarete Stanojevic  
Rebecca Tritt

Gina Sabatino  
Jennifer Trimarchi  
Casandre Wagnac

**Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval**

Lyssette Cano	Christina Colon
Elizabeth Connelly	Cheryl Conway
Chris Friedrich	Sandra Hale
Darlene Herrera	Raquel Holbrok
Sara Kinsbury-Dolan	Jimmy Passe
Lauren Pellizzi	Jessica Ramsden
Dawn Rhode	Justine Robe
Audra Socinski	Corney Springer
Diane Uhler	Rachel Weiss
Corynne Wilson	

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 2:30. Voting in favor: all.*

